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President Clinton did not support the lifting of an arms embargo to allow Bosnians to defend themselves, and thousands died, and now we are paying the United Nations and NATO billions.

President Clinton still did not get the message when 315 Members of this Congress said we do not want 20,000 American troops in Bosnia, we do not want Americans killed and held hostage, we do not want our military under the U.N. command, and we do not want to spend billions on another fiasco.

REPUBLICANS CUTTING MEDICARE

(Mrs. CLAYTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, in 1965, Democrats enacted Medicare into law over the objections and strong opposition of the Republicans. That was then; this is now.

Then, in 1965, before Medicare, 50 percent of America's elderly had no health care insurance.

Now, in 1995, 99 percent, almost everyone, of our seniors have health care insurance.

Then, in 1965, almost one-third of all senior citizens lived in poverty.

Now, in 1995, the poverty rate among elderly Americans had declined to a little more than one-tenth.

According to all reliable information, the Republicans are cutting Medicare by at least \$100 billion more than the trust fund needs for solvency.

That is now.

Then, in 1965, the Republicans paid no attention to the solvency of Medicare. They fought and voted against the program. One can but imagine what they will do now that they are pushing us back to then.

TRAVEL AND TOURISM

(Mr. ROTH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROTH. Mr. Speaker, sometimes here in Congress the really important events go unnoticed, so I want to report to the Congress that the travel and tourist industry, the largest employer in each one of your districts, met here for a White House conference. The President, the Vice President, the Speaker, and key leaders, appeared before the conference.

Travel and tourism provides more jobs in America than any other industry except one. Travel and tourism stood united in its request that we in Congress help establish a private-public partnership, a bold, new, innovative approach, and, in the transition period, to agree with the Senate appropriation request for the U.S. Travel and Tourism Administration.

I ask Members to focus on travel and tourism in their respective districts. While we know of many industries which are downsizing or have downsized, here is one industry that is growing, and the growth potential is nothing short of phenomenal.

MEDICARE CUTS OFFENSIVE

(Mr. FRAZER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FRAZER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the views regarding Medicare that my colleagues on the other side of the aisle have consistently taken.

The leader of the other body says that Medicare has never worked and he is proud that he opposed its creation 30 years ago; further he supports its dismantling today.

In this body, the Speaker has said that this is the first step to dismantling the program entirely. He also states that this is the road toward historic change. If this is the road toward historic change, then I hope the record clearly reflects who was responsible for the new course America took regarding the disabled and senior citizens health care services. It is not fair to our elderly who have invested in a health care system for decades to spend their golden years wondering if they can afford to pay for a prescription.

These cuts in Medicare are outrageous and I hope that the President will veto this offensive legislation.

REPUBLICAN LIMBO DANCE

(Ms. PELOSI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, the exercise that we are going through here in this budget battle reminds me of the limbo. How far will the Republicans go to give a tax break to the wealthiest Americans?

First we see the pole at a level they have to go under where they will affect America's seniors, cutting benefits to seniors while increasing their premiums in Medicare. Next, Medicaid, where they remove a guarantee for health care to America's seniors, at the same time removing standards for nursing homes.

Let us move that pole down as the Republicans come around in this dance again, and see what they do for children. Reductions in school nutrition programs, reductions in student aid programs, removing millions of children from guaranteed health care while removing Medicare as an entitlement for them. And what about those children's families? Here they come again, lower the pole in this limbo dance. How low can you go to give a tax break to the wealthiest Americans, while raising taxes on millions of Americans under \$30,000 a year?

Mr. Speaker, today it even gets worse. In addition to this limbo dance, today the Republicans are going to hit Americans where they live by cutting over \$5 billion in housing, and that, Mr. Speaker, shows just how low they will go to increase homelessness in order to give a tax break to the wealthiest Americans.

Mr. Speaker, I urge our colleagues to vote "no" on this bill today.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5 of rule I, the pending business is the question of agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 317, nays 88, answered "present" 1, not voting 26, as follows:

[Roll No. 760]

YEAS—317

Ackerman	Chenoweth	Furse
Allard	Christensen	Gallegly
Andrews	Chrysler	Ganske
Archer	Clement	Gekas
Armey	Clinger	Geren
Bachus	Coble	Gilchrest
Baesler	Collins (GA)	Gilman
Baker (CA)	Combust	Gonzalez
Baker (LA)	Cooley	Goodlatte
Baldacci	Cox	Goodling
Ballenger	Coyne	Gordon
Barcia	Cramer	Goss
Barr	Crapo	Graham
Barrett (NE)	Creameans	Greenwood
Barrett (WI)	Cubin	Gunderson
Bartlett	Cunningham	Hall (OH)
Barton	Danner	Hall (TX)
Bass	Deal	Hamilton
Bateman	DeLay	Hancock
Beilenson	Dellums	Hansen
Bentsen	Deutsch	Hastert
Bereuter	Dickey	Hastings (WA)
Berman	Dixon	Hayes
Bevill	Doggett	Hayworth
Bilbray	Doolittle	Herger
Bilirakis	Dornan	Hobson
Bishop	Doyle	Hoekstra
Bliley	Dreier	Hoke
Blute	Duncan	Holden
Boehlert	Dunn	Horn
Boehner	Edwards	Hostettler
Bonilla	Ehlers	Houghton
Bono	Ehrlich	Hunter
Boucher	Emerson	Hutchinson
Brewster	English	Hyde
Browder	Eshoo	Inglis
Brownback	Evans	Istook
Bryant (TN)	Ewing	Jefferson
Bryant (TX)	Fattah	Johnson (CT)
Bunn	Fawell	Johnson (SD)
Bunning	Fields (TX)	Johnson, Sam
Burr	Flake	Johnston
Burton	Flanagan	Jones
Buyer	Foglietta	Kanjorski
Callahan	Foley	Kasich
Calvert	Forbes	Kelly
Camp	Fowler	Kennedy (MA)
Canady	Fox	Kennedy (RI)
Cardin	Franks (CT)	Kennelly
Castle	Franks (NJ)	Kildee
Chabot	Frelinghuysen	Kim
Chambliss	Frisa	King
Chapman	Funderburk	Kingston